

Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park **CONNECTION**

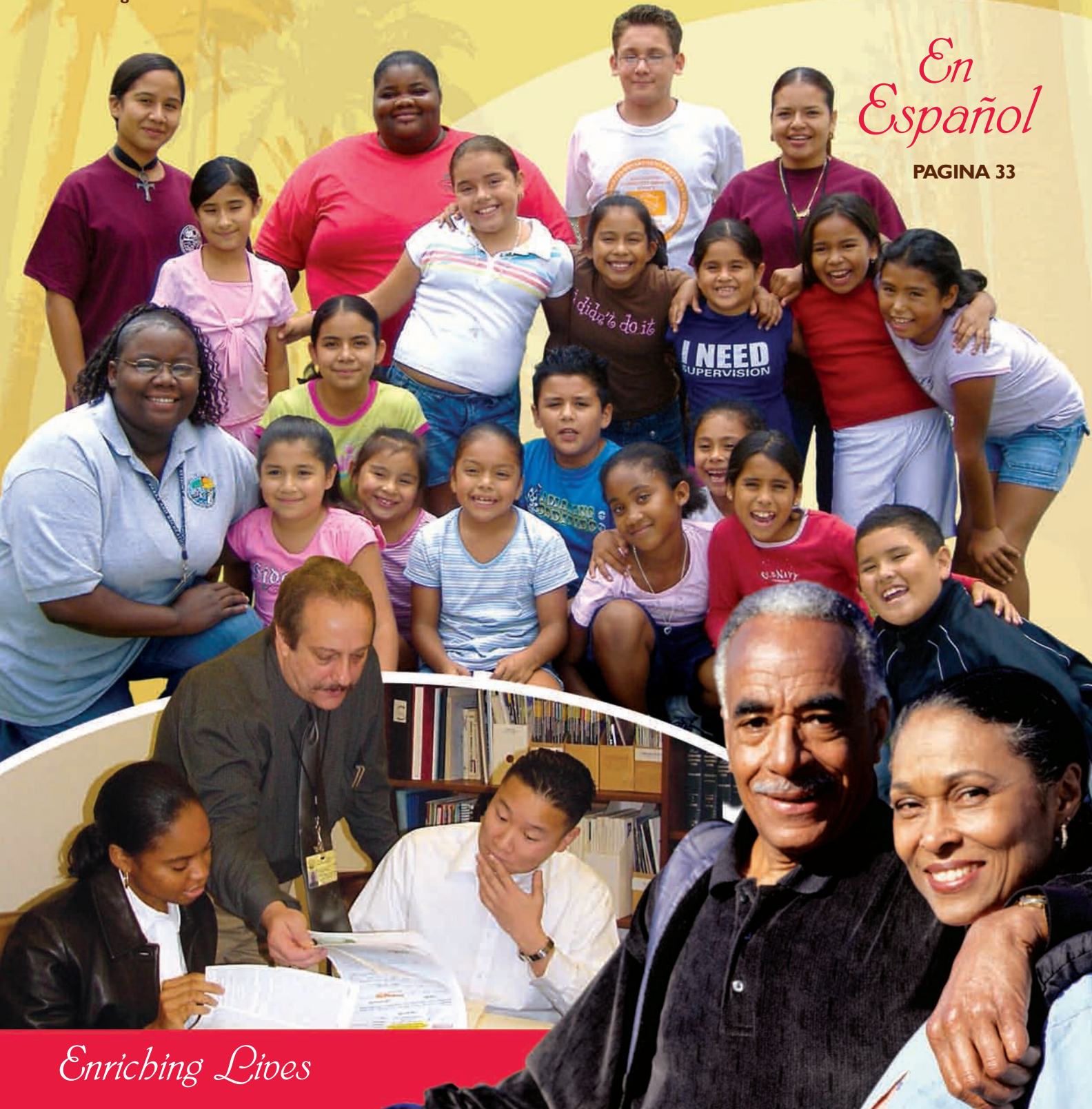


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Dear Community Member,

Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park Connection

is your resource guide to community services. This year's issue highlights community improvements; provides an expanded consumer section; and features a few of the many leaders in your community (*see page 2*).

If you would like us to cover any additional topics in our next issue, please write or e-mail us at:

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Office of Unincorporated Area Services
723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012
E-mail: uas@ceo.lacounty.gov

Living in Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park

As a resident of Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park, you are served by either the First Supervisorial District or the Second Supervisorial District. If you live in Walnut Park, you are served by the First District. The map of your communities on the back of this guide shows the boundaries between the First and Second Districts. You may also find the District you reside in by contacting the County Registrar Recorder at **(323) 586-6192** or by visiting the County's Website at www.lacounty.gov and clicking the "Find Your District" link.

You may contact your Supervisorial District representative as shown below:

FIRST DISTRICT

East Los Angeles
Field Office
4801 E. Third Street
Los Angeles, CA 90022
(323) 881-4601

SECOND DISTRICT

Florence-Firestone
Field Office
7807 S. Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 586-6523

ACCESSING County Services

County departments are dedicated to providing quality services to your community. The information in this guide will help you access the County services you need. However, if you feel that a County department has not been responsive to your request for service, please contact the Supervisorial Field office listed on this page. Both offices have staff that can help you obtain the information or services you need.

To find out more about County services and events, visit the County's Website at www.lacounty.gov!

People Making a Difference IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Community Leaders Coalition

On August 18, 2007, the Coalition convened a retreat to discuss community concerns and to establish a priority of issues facing Florence-Firestone. The Coalition determined that Public Safety, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, Health and Human Services and Traffic Safety are important areas that the community and County should focus on over the next year.

Become involved in working towards solutions in Florence-Firestone. Contact the Community Development Commission at **(323) 890-7178** and learn more about the Coalition and how you can help make Florence-Firestone a better community.

Come by and meet ORIS “DINO” SMILEY at Leon H. Washington Park



More than 200 kids participate in Leon H. Washington Park programs each day thanks to Oris “Dino” Smiley. Dino has over the last 15 years, introduced karate, indoor tennis, college preparedness workshops, the 40 & Over Basketball League, a youth basketball league and the At Risk Basketball League, which he officiates twice a week.

One of the most recent and meaningful projects that Dino spearheaded was the dedication of a memorial garden to Demetrius Perry, a local youth from the community who was killed at a neighboring gym. As a result, the garden is available to provide fresh vegetables to the community.

Not only is Dino a leader at the park, he is very much involved in the community surrounding the park. Mr. Smiley is a member of the Florence-Firestone Community Enhancement Team (FFCET). The organization is made up of community leaders in the Florence-Firestone area who partner with County agencies to improve the quality of life in the community.

Dino Smiley is not just a supervisor. He is a father figure, a counselor, a friend and an inspiration!

SOFIA GAVIA wants you to come to Roosevelt Park and Walnut Nature Park



Sofia’s passion over the last 10 years has been to serve Florence-Firestone. She has been instrumental in bringing educational programs and informational events such as college fairs, health fairs, and emergency preparedness events to Roosevelt Park. In addition, Sofia has created an environment that ensures the integration of persons with disabilities in park programs and activities.

Sofia has also been a member of the Florence-Firestone Community Enhancement Team for five years and motivates her staff to provide quality services to visitors at Roosevelt and Walnut Nature Parks. Sofia truly exemplifies the Department’s motto, “Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs.”

LINDA FOSTER Serving Florence-Firestone through Inspirational Leadership



Linda Foster has been an active member of the Florence-Firestone Community Leaders Coalition representing Living Gospel Church since 2004. Through this affiliation, Ms. Foster has contributed much appreciated time and effort to the Florence-Firestone Community Enhancement Team by assisting in the development of initiatives that focus on improving the cleanliness and aesthetics of the community.

Ms. Foster has been a leader in the Living Gospel Church since 1975. As a result of her exceptional ability to facilitate discussion among groups from various backgrounds, Ms. Foster has built strong relationships with County and community leaders. In addition, as a member of the Community Leaders Coalition planning team, she plays a key role in representing the common interests of the community. Ms. Foster is truly a champion!

Meet the New Captain of the Century Sheriff's Station!



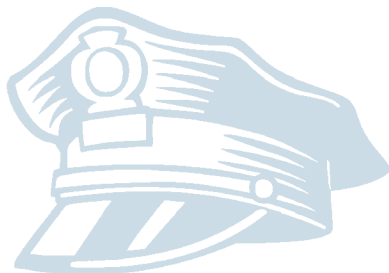
James Hellmold is the new Captain of the Century Station. Captain Hellmold is a second generation police officer. His father was assigned to Firestone Station where he patrolled these communities. His father retired from the Sheriff's Department in 1995.

Captain Hellmold is a strong believer in the concept of Community Policing and seeks community-based solutions and innovative ways to partner with residents. He recognizes that law enforcement is a component and not the solution to community problems. He has a very hands-on approach and it is not uncommon to see him in uniform, patrolling Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park.

Captain Hellmold is very adept at using technology to fight crimes. He pioneered the Advance Surveillance and Protection Plan (ASAP) in Compton, which places cameras at major intersections and ingress and egress routes. Another technological device that Captain Hellmond uses for law enforcement is the placement of an automatic license plate reading mechanism on radio cars.

The ASAP program is being used as model for the application of technology for law enforcement agencies across the nation. Captain Hellmold is working to bring this program to Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park. He has already deployed ASAP vehicles equipped with the automated license plate reading mechanism in these communities.

In his off duty time, Captain Hellmold stays busy by coaching his three sons in baseball, and volunteering at the Salvation Army.



Community Summer Violent Crime Enforcement Program

Based upon the success of the summer enforcement team pilot implemented in Florence-Firestone in the summer of 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved funding to expand the Summer Violent Crime Enforcement Program to other unincorporated areas of the County. From June through the end of September 2007, a crime enforcement team was deployed to successfully impact gang violence in the Florence-Firestone community.

Adopt-A-Park

The Department of Parks and Recreation launched the "Adopt-A-Park" Corporate Sponsorship program in April 2007. This program will allow private businesses to sponsor park beautification projects, capital projects, as well as educational, senior and the Healthy Parks programs. Parks in the Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park communities that are available for adoption include Bethune Park, Leon Washington Park, and Ted Watkins Park. For more information on the Adopt-A-Park program, please contact Maritiza C. Anderson at (213) 738-2972.



Working Together to Abate Graffiti

Did you know that Walnut Park and a portion of Florence-Firestone are designated as "zero tolerance" graffiti zones? This means that these communities are included in a countywide graffiti abatement plan led by the Department of Public Works (DPW) that includes physical clean-up efforts, law enforcement and judicial intervention, a proactive public information campaign, school education, as well as focused diversion and prevention efforts. In addition, DPW implemented a pilot program in February 2007 to provide daily graffiti removal service along Compton Avenue between Florence Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

You can help by making an anonymous call to the Graffiti Hotline at (800) 675-4357. Remember, your call will be kept *confidential*.

Job Opportunities Available Come to the La Alameda Job Fair!

The La Alameda Shopping Center is scheduled to open in April 2008 and will provide an estimated 750 jobs to the community. The Hub Cities Consortium WorkSource Center, in collaboration with Primestor Development Inc. and the Florence-Firestone Community Leaders Coalition, will host the La Alameda Job Fair on February 23, 2008.

Below is a partial list of job opportunities:

Cooks	Managers
Prep-Cooks	Customer service
Sales	Maintenance
Merchandisers Stock Clerks	Quality Control
Retail cashiers	Receiving Clerks
Assistant Managers	

Please keep an eye out for flyers and banners announcing the location and time of the Job Fair!

In preparation for this special event, employment preparation services including resume writing and interviewing techniques will be available to community residents. For additional information on the La Alameda Job Fair or to obtain information on available employment and training services, please contact Joe Martinez of the Hub Cities Consortium WorkSource Center at **(323) 586-4700, extension 4734**.

New Bridge at the La Alameda Shopping Center



As part of the La Alameda shopping center development project, the Department of Public Works designed and constructed a bridge to provide vehicle and pedestrian access across the Alameda Corridor from 74th and West Alameda Streets to the new shopping center parking lot. The bridge will provide convenient access to and from the shopping center. The new bridge will also reduce traffic congestion at other locations around the shopping center.

Healthy Choices Program

In 2007, through the “Healthy Choices” initiative, the Department of Public Health (DPH) provided a series of classes designed to train community leaders to help the community focus on nutrition and increase physical activity.

The Department of Parks and Recreation, Public Library, DPH and community representatives are currently developing a family-orientated program designed to focus on nutrition and fitness. The Families Involved Together (FIT) program is designed to emphasize physical activity and will include a series of interactive sessions. The FIT program is scheduled to begin in Florence-Firestone in early 2008.



Emergency Preparedness – Being Prepared

It is important that members of the community are prepared for an emergency. As a result, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes for both English and Spanish speaking residents in Florence-Firestone continue to be available upon request. In addition, DPH is in the process of developing a community health worker program to spread the message of preparedness to more community residents.

For more information on Healthy Choices and/or Emergency Preparedness programs in Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park, please contact DPH at **(323) 563-4447**.



Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park Community Updates and Improvements

AFFORDABLE HOUSING NOW AVAILABLE!

Gage Village

1503-1641 E. Gage Ave • Los Angeles, CA

The Gage Village is the site of 32 newly constructed single family homes on East Gage Avenue. Each three bedroom, two and one-half bathroom home will be approximately 1,390 square feet in size and includes an attached two-car garage. Fifteen homes will be set aside for qualified first-time homebuyers with the remaining seventeen homes sold at the market rate.

For more information, regarding the Gage Village project, please call Amber Mariscac at **(562) 682-0333**.



L to R: Gage Village, Slauson Station Apartments

Slauson Station Apartments

1707-1717 E. 61st Street • Los Angeles, CA

Construction is underway on East 61st Street in Florence-Firestone on 30 affordable family housing units; consisting of five one-bedroom units, 14 two bedroom units, 10 three-bedroom units, and one manager's unit. Each residential unit will range in size from approximately 700 square feet for a one bedroom unit to 1,200 square feet for a three bedroom unit. Featured amenities at the Slauson Station Apartments will include a community room, computer room for after-school tutoring, a central laundry room, and several offices for lease. The anticipated completion date for the Slauson Station Apartments is February 2009. The development is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

For more information about the Slauson Station Apartment project, please call **(310) 829-4588**.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

■ Florence Avenue Streetscape

The Florence Avenue Streetscape Project extends approximately 2.2-miles along Florence Avenue from Central Avenue in unincorporated Florence-Firestone to Mountain View Avenue in the City of Huntington Park. Improvements to this significant commercial corridor include constructing and repairing curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, planting trees, and installing pedestrian lights, bus benches, trash receptacles, bus shelters and community identification signs.

The Streetscape Project will occur in two phases: The first phase of the project, from Central Avenue to the Blue Line Station (Graham Avenue), is expected to begin fall of 2008. Construction for the second phase of the project, from the Blue Line Station to Mountain View Avenue, is expected to begin in spring of 2009.

For more information, contact the Community Development Commission's Economic Redevelopment Division at **(323) 890-7204**.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT COUNTY PARKS!

■ Franklin D. Roosevelt Park Pool and Building Improvement Project

Next summer, you can enjoy an updated and improved Roosevelt Pool! The newly refurbished facility will include a renovated pool building and bathhouse. In addition, access for persons with disabilities will now be provided from the parking lot to the Pool Building.

■ Mary McCloud Bethune Park & Ted Watkins Park Improvement Projects

Renovations of the pool facilities at Mary McCloud Bethune Park and Ted Watkins Park are now underway. Both projects include renovations of the pools, pool buildings and replacement of the pool decks.

General park improvements at Ted Watkins Park include the construction of new comfort stations, tennis courts, play areas, a baseball field, sidewalks and picnic shelters. A new soccer field will also be constructed. The cost of this project is approximately \$5.5 million.

■ Col. Leon Washington Park Takes Home \$1,000 from Sunny Delight Promotional Contest!



With the help of park patrons, the Los Angeles County Fire Station # 16, Great Hope Missionary Baptist Church and the Florence-Firestone Community Enhancement Team, Col. Leon Washington Park took home a \$1,000 prize for collecting the most Sunny Delight labels in the Spring 2007 Sunny Delight Promotional Contest. The contest was designed to support local parks, the community, and encourage a healthy lifestyle. Col. Leon Washington Park competed against ten cities in other states and County parks by collecting over 800 UPC labels to become a regional winner. The funds will go towards equipment, supplies, and a field trip for children who participated in the contest. The County Department of Parks and Recreation finished 19th out of 97 locations nationwide.

■ Roosevelt Park 50's Theme Party

In August 2007, the Roosevelt Park Senior Program hosted a 50's theme party for approximately 150 seniors. Participants enjoyed hamburgers, fries and rootbeer floats and took part in a 50's themed costume contest! Live swing and 50's music were also a part of the memorable event!



■ Roosevelt Park Emergency Preparedness Event

Roosevelt Park hosted an exciting Emergency Preparedness event in August 2007. This event was a joint effort with television stations ABC7 and KCBS, the Departments of Public Health, Sheriff, County Police, Red Cross, the San Bernardino Fire Department and Roosevelt Park staff. Over 300 youth from Roosevelt Park programs and 250 community members participated in the event to bring awareness to families in Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park on the importance of being prepared for an emergency.



■ Youth Soccer Tournament Hosted by Roosevelt Park

In September 2007, Roosevelt Park hosted a Youth Soccer Tournament in honor of Mexican Independence Day. Over 24 teams whose members ranged in age from 5 to 12 years competed in the tournament. Each participant received a medal. In addition, there were over 400 spectators in attendance for the all-day event. Thanks to Mr. Alfredo Salgado who did an exceptional job of organizing this tournament.





Join the Fun at COUNTY PARKS!

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is proud to offer recreational activities and special events through local parks in the Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park areas. Residents are encouraged to participate at the following local and regional facilities. All programs are subject to change. Please contact your local park for up-to-date program information.

Mary McCloud Bethune Park

1244 E. 61st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90001
Telephone: (323) 846-1895

Park Hours:
Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:
Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

After School Tutoring 6 to 18 years
Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
January 2008 through June 2008 and
September 2008 through June 2009
Fee: **Free** of charge

Indoor Soccer Program 5 to 50 years
Sundays, April 2008 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fees to be announced.
Please call (323) 846-1895 for more information.

Indoor Tennis 5 to 17 years
Tuesdays and Fridays 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Karate Class 50 years and under
Monday through Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25.00 for uniform plus \$5.00 for registration.

**Neighborhood Watch
Block Club** 18 years and up
Park Community Meeting
2nd Tuesday of each month 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Summer Lunch Program 1 to 18 years
Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
July 2008 to August 2008
Fee: **Free** of charge

Summer Swim Program All Ages
June 2008 through September 2008
Monday through Sunday 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Youth Basketball Program 5 to 16 years
Thursdays and Saturdays 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25.00 per person

Youth Soccer 5 to 17 years
Wednesday through Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
September 9, 2008 through
December 23, 2008
Fee: \$25.00 per person



Youth Volleyball 5 to 15 years
Wednesdays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
September 16, 2008 through December 15, 2008
Fee: \$25.00 per person

Special Annual Events

Easter Program 5 to 15 years
Saturday, March 22, 2008 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Halloween Program All Ages
Friday, October 31, 2008 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Mary McCloud Bethune Park (continued)

Thanksgiving Program

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 *All Ages*
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Christmas Program

5 to 15 years
Wednesday, December 24, 2008
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge



Col. Leon H. Washington Park

8908 S. Maie Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90002
Telephone: **(323) 586-7205**
Fax: **(323) 586-7392**

Park Hours:

Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Adult Aerobics

18 years and over
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Fee: *

Adult Basketball

40 years and up
Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
October 2008 through January 2009
Fee: *

Computer Lab

All Ages
Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Computers for Seniors and Tutoring Club

Dates and hours to be announced.

Cooking Class

8 to 16 years
Fridays 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Fall Youth Club

6 to 12 years
Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
October 2008 through December 2008
Fee: **Free** of charge

Indoor Tennis Clinic

5 to 17 years
Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
July 5, 2008 through August 23, 2008
Fee: **Free** of charge

Karate Class

All Ages
Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$25.00 for uniform & \$5.00 registration

Spring Youth Club

6 to 12 years
Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
April 2008 through June 2008
Fee: **Free** of charge

Summer Lunch Program

1 to 18 years
Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
July 2008 through August 2008
Fee: **Free** of charge

Summer Youth Club

6 to 12 years
Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
July 2, 2008 through September 7, 2008
Fee: **Free** of charge

Supervisor's Club

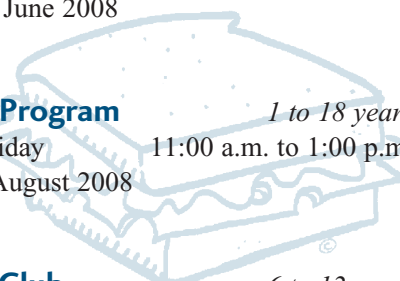
6 to 12 years
Mondays and Wednesdays Time: *
Fee: **Free** of Charge

Teen Club

13 to 17 years
Saturdays 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Walking Club

All Ages
Monday through Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
January 21, 2008 (Start Date)
Fee: **Free** of Charge



Winter Youth Club

6 to 12 years
Monday
through Friday
3:00 p.m. to
6:00 p.m.

January 2008 through March 2008

Fee: **Free** of charge



Youth Basketball

5 to 15 years

January 2008 to March 2008

Practice:

Monday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40.00 registration

Youth Flag Football

5 to 14 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

September 2008 through November 2008

Fee: **Free** of charge

Youth Volleyball

5 to 15 years

September 2008 through December 2008

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fee: **Free** of charge

* Program fees and/or times to be announced. Please call (323) 586-7205 for more information.

Ted Watkins Memorial Park

1335 E. 103rd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90002
(323) 357-3032

Park Hours:

Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:

Monday through Friday	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Aerobics Class

18 years and up

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: **Free** of charge

Washington Park Special Events

Easter Program

5 to 15 years

Saturday, March 23, 2008 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fee: **Free** of charge

Family Night

All Ages

Friday, April 25, 2008 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: **Free** of Charge

Haunted Halloween Event

All Ages

Friday, October 31, 2008

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

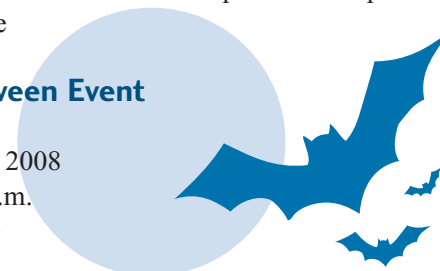
Fee: **Free** of charge

Youth Christmas Party

6 to 12 years

Date: December 20, 2008 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: **Free** of charge



Aqua Aerobics

18 years and up

Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. &
June 2008 through 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

September 2008

Fee: **Free** of charge

Karate & Self Defense Class*

5 to 18 years

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: **Free** of charge

Seasonal Youth Sports Program

5 to 17 years

Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Call Park for schedules

Fee: \$35 per person

Ted Watkins Memorial Park (continued)

Summer Day Camp

Monday through Friday 6 to 12 years
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
June 2008 through August 2008
Fee: \$125.00 for five weeks

Swim Clubs*

All Ages

Ted Watkins Sharks

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Swim Lessons

6 years and up (Youth)
18 years and up (Adult)

Sunday through Saturday
June 2008 through September 2008

Youth Lessons - 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
First Session

Youth Lessons - 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Second Session

Adult Lessons 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Talent Workshop

Tuesdays and Thursdays *All Ages*
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Teen Enrichment Program

3 to 17 years
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Tiny Tots Program

3 to 5 years
Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Call for schedule
Fee: \$35 per month

Youth Club 6 to 12 years

Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Year-round
Fee: Free of charge

Youth Tennis Program

5 to 17 years
Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
January 2008 through May 2008
Fee: \$7 per person

Ted Watkins Park Special Events

Black History Month Program/Show*

All Ages

Saturday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
February 2008
Fee: \$3.00 per person

Easter Program

3 to 12 years

March 22, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Halloween Program

All Ages

Friday, October 31, 2008 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge

Thanksgiving Talent Showcase*

All Ages

November 2008 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$ 3.00 per person

Health, Safety & Fitness Expo*

All Ages

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Program/ Toy Give Away *All Ages*

Monday, December 15, 2008
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fee: **Free** of charge



* Program fees and/or times to be announced. Please call (323) 357-3032 for more information.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Park

7600 Graham Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001

Senior Center: (323) 586-7217

Recreation Office: (323) 586-7201

Park Hours:

Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

After School Enrichment Program

6 to 12 years

Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
September 2008 through June 2009
Fee: No charge

Basketball League

5 to 17 years

Tuesday through Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
June 2008 through September 2008
Fee: \$50.00 per player

Cheerleading and Hip Hop

August 2008 through April 2009 –

The cost for participating in all cheerleading programs is \$35 plus uniform costs.

Mascot Cheer

5 to 7 years

Mondays and

Wednesdays

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Pee-Wee Cheer

8 to 10 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Junior Cheer

12 to 16 years

Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mascot Hip-Hop

7 to 9 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00 plus cost of uniform

Junior Hip-Hop

10 to 16 years

Fridays 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Computer Club

6 to 12 years

Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Day Camp

6 to 12 years

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There are four sessions throughout the year for each school track.

Fee: \$5.00 per week

Self Defense and Safety Awareness

5 to 15 years

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per class

Snack Program

1 to 18 years

Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Soccer League

5 to 15 years

Tuesday through Friday 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25.00 per player

Summer Day Camp

6 to 12 years

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 2008 through August 2008

Fee: \$20.00 per week (not including field trips)

Teen Club

12 to 17 years

Fridays 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Youth Baseball League

5 to 15 years

Monday through Wednesday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

February 2008 through May 2008

Fee: \$25.00 per player

ADULT PROGRAMS

Aerobics and Fitness

18 years and up

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25 per month

Azteca Dance Group

8 years to Adult

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Open Gym

All ages

Tuesday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Open Volleyball

18 years and up

Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fee: Free of charge

Soccer

18 years and up

Saturdays and Sundays 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

November 2008 through March 2009

Fee: \$300.00 per team

Franklin D. Roosevelt Park (continued)

Softball

18 years and up
Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
January 2008 through May 2008
Fee: \$300.00 per team

Un Paso Más

18 years and up
1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Aerobics

55 years and up
Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Bingo

55 years and up
Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Live Band and Dancing

55 years and up
Last Tuesday of each month 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Monthly Blood Pressure and Sugar Level Test

55 years and up
Date and Time: *
Fee: Free of charge

Monthly Field Trips

55 years and up
Dates and Times: *
Fee: Free of charge

Open Pool Play

55 years and up
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Senior Breakfast

55 years and up
Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Fee: Donation

Senior Lunch Meals

55 years and up
Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: Donation



2008 Roosevelt Park Special Events

Black History Month Celebration*

All ages
February 2008 5:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Cesar Chavez Activity Week

6 to 12 years
March 24 – 28, 2008 3:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Easter Extravaganza Event

5 to 12 years
Saturday, March 29, 2008 11:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Little Ms. Sunshine Pageant

5 to 12 years
Saturday, April 26, 2008 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10.00 Registration Fee

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

All ages
Saturday, May 3, 2008 10:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Animal Vaccination Clinic

7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 22, 2008
Fee: *

Roosevelt Park Open House

All ages
Saturday, August 9, 2008 12:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Mexican Independence Day Celebration Week

6 to 12 years
Tuesday through Friday, 3:00 p.m.
September 16 – 19, 2008
Fee: Free of charge

Lights on Afterschool Event

6 to 12 years
Tuesday, October 14, 2008 5:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge



Halloween Activity Week

6 to 12 years
October 27 - 31 2008 3:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Halloween Candy Giveaway

All ages
Friday, October 31, 2008 5:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Fee: **Free** of charge

All ages

11:00 a.m.

Christmas in the Park

Saturday, December 20, 2008

Fee: **Free** of charge

All ages

12:00 p.m.

Turkey Basket Giveaway for Seniors

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Fee: **Free** of charge

55 years and up

10:00 a.m.

* For more information on program fees, dates and times, call **(323) 586-7728**.

Walnut Nature Park

2642 East Olive Street

Walnut Park, CA 90255

(323) 586-7260 / (323) 586-7217

Park and Staff Hours

(January 2008 through March 31, 2008):

Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Park and Staff Hours *(Beginning April 2008):*

Monday through Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

***Schedule for Programs are tentative!** Please call **(323) 586-7260** for program dates and times.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Aerobics Class

18 years and up

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

May 2008 through October 2008

Fee: \$10.00 per month

Cheerleading

7 to 16 years

Saturdays 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25.00 (additional cost for uniform)

Fun Club

4 to 13 years

Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: **Free** of charge

Open Recreation

6 to 15 years

Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 2008 through October 2008

Fee: **Free** of charge

Teen Club*

12 to 17 years

Fee: **Free** of charge

YOUTH SPORTS

Flag Football Clinic

5 to 15 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

April 1, 2008 to June 2008

Fee: \$10.00 per session

Youth Baseball Clinic

5 to 15 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

April 1, 2008 to June 2008

Fee: \$10.00 per session

Youth Basketball Clinic

5 to 15 years

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

April 1, 2008 to June 2008

Fee: \$10.00 per session

Youth Sport Clinics

6 to 12 years

Tuesdays and Fridays

5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

June 2008 through August 2008

Fee: **Free** of charge

Special Events

Fun for the entire family! Come out and enjoy the following events which are **FREE** of charge. Please call **(323) 586-7260 or 586-7217** for information on program dates and times.

- **Easter Festival**
- **Cinco de Mayo Celebration**
- **Halloween Celebration**
- **Thanksgiving Celebration**
- **Christmas Celebration**

Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area

4100 South La Cienega Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90056

Telephone: **(323) 298-3660**

Fax: **(323) 291-8958**

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset (Daily)

Fee: \$4.00 Vehicle Entrance Fee
(weekends and holidays)

Come and enjoy the facilities at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area including the baseball diamond, soccer fields, children's play area, Japanese garden, fishing lake, picnic tables with barbecue grills, group picnic areas, hiking trails and scenic views of Los Angeles County.



RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Walking Club

3rd Wednesday of each month

Community Room

Fee: **Free** of Charge

All Ages

8:30 a.m.

Youth Baseball

Provided by the Ladera Little League

Dates, Hours and Fees: To be announced

Youth Soccer

Provided by the American Youth Soccer Organization

Dates, Hours and Fees: To be announced



Take Precautions During Extreme Heat

Visit a Local *COOLING STATION!*

When the weather heats up, take the following precautions:

- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing.
- Drink water often; don't wait until you are thirsty.
- If you become overheated, improve your ventilation. Open a window or use a fan or air conditioner.
- Avoid unnecessary exertion if you are outside or in a non-air conditioned building.
- Avoid unnecessary sun exposure.
- When you are in the sun, try to avoid direct sunlight. Wear a hat, preferably with a wide brim.
- Never leave infants, children, seniors or pets unattended in closed cars or other vehicles!
- If you know seniors or people whose immune and respiratory systems are not working properly or who live alone, check on them regularly to make sure they are staying cool!

During peak hours, stay in an air conditioned area. If you don't have air conditioning in your home, you may visit a local Cooling Station at the following locations:

Florence-Firestone Service Center

7807 S. Compton Ave

(323) 586-6502

Washington Park Gym

8908 S. Maie Avenue

(323) 586-7205

Roosevelt Park Senior Center

7600 Graham Avenue

(323) 586-7260



ENJOY THE MUSIC!

Visit the Hollywood Bowl and Ford Amphitheatre!

Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90068

Concert Info:

(323) 850-2000 or www.hollywoodbowl.com



For over 85 years, the Hollywood Bowl has been known as the world's largest natural amphitheater, featuring a summer season with some of the finest classical, modern new age, pop, jazz, Latin salsa, opera, and ballet performances. Don't miss the spectacular fireworks that accompany many of the performances, including the July

4th celebration. The Bowl also features a museum, children's festivals and picnic areas.

Hollywood Bowl Park-And-Ride Express Bus Service

The Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride is an express bus transportation service to Summer Season performances at the Hollywood Bowl from various park-and-ride lots throughout Los Angeles County.

The service provides buses that are air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible at a reasonable fare of \$5.00 round-trip. Tickets are available in advance through Ticketmaster by calling **(213) 480-3232** or through the Bowl Box Office at **(323) 850-2000**. You may also order tickets online at hollywoodbowl.com.

Nearby Park-and-Ride Lot

Westchester: Westchester Shopping Center, 6212 West Manchester Avenue (between Sepulveda Boulevard and La Tijera). The parking area is between building 6232 and the Ayara Thai Cuisine. Call the Bowl Box Office for specific departure times.

John Anson Ford Amphitheatre – Summer Season

2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East

Los Angeles, CA 90068

Show Information: **(800) GO-1- FORD**

John Anson Ford is a unique, open-air theatre that seats more than 1,200 people. The theatre offers a wide array of performances featuring world music, jazz, dance, chamber music, theater, pop music, and family events during the months of May through October. For evening shows, grounds open two hours before show time for patrons to relax and picnic. One-hour family shows on Saturday mornings are **free** for children and \$5 for adults. For more information, go to www.fordtheatres.org.



Marina del Rey Special Events and Water Youth Program

DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS

13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

(310) 305-9545

<http://beaches.lacounty.gov>

SPECIAL EVENTS

4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza 2008

Friday, July 4th at 9:00 p.m.

Summer Concerts – July through September 2008

Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

Discover Marina del Rey Day

Sunday, October 12, 2008 / 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Boat Parade

Saturday, December 13, 2008 / 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

New Years Eve Fireworks

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

11:59:30 p.m. to 12:05 a.m.

WATER YOUTH PROGRAM 2008

(Please call the Department of Beaches and Harbors at (310) 305-9587 for program details, dates and times)

If you are between the ages of 7 to 17, sign up for the Los Angeles County Water Youth Program and learn about water safety and experience many new recreational activities. **FREE transportation from Roosevelt Park to designated camp sessions is also available so you can participate.** The summer curriculum includes the following activities:

Ocean Sports Camp (Ages 9 through 14)

Sailing Camp (Ages 11 through 17)

Surf Camp (Ages 11 through 17)

Dolphin Camp (Ages 7 through 10)

All first-time participants are required to pass a swim test. **Financial Aid** based on family income, is available to qualified participants. Please call (310) 305-9587 for program details and to request application forms. You may also access the Beaches and Harbors Website at <http://beaches.lacounty.gov>.



SUBSIDIZED METRO TRANSIT PASSES AND EZ PASSES!

Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park residents are eligible to participate in DPW's Transit Pass Subsidy Program for discounted Metro Passes and EZ passes as follows:

TRANSIT PASS CATEGORY:	REGULAR PRICE	TRANSIT PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM PRICE	
Seniors/Disabled	\$14.00	\$8.00	For additional information on the residency and eligibility requirements please visit www.LAGoBus.Info and click on the "Metro Transit Pass Subsidy Program" link in the left hand column or call (626) 458-5960.
Students (K-12)	\$24.00	\$16.00	
College/Vocational	\$36.00	\$25.00	
EZ Seniors/Disabled	\$35.00	\$21.00	
METRO General Pass	\$62.00	\$48.00	
For Florence-Firestone Residents			
EZ General Pass	\$70.00	\$56.00	

Approved Pass Sales Outlets in or near Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park

Nix Check Cashing

1969 Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 588-3177

Santa Fe Check Cashing

2701 Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90280
(323) 569-5200

Arts in Action

Los Angeles County Arts Commission

1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 800

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Tel: **213.202.5858** / www.lacountyarts.org

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND OTHER FREE CONCERTS

The Commission produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration each year on December 24th at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and a year-round music program that funds more than 40 *free* concerts each year in public sites.

The Holiday Celebration program honors the spirit of many cultures and holiday traditions through music, song and dance. Community and professional choirs, music ensembles, folk and traditional artists, and dance companies from all around the County perform at this event. The six-hour show is free and open to the public.

Youth and adult choral groups, music ensembles, and dance companies interested in applying to participate in the annual Holiday Celebration can visit the Commission's Holiday Celebration website at www.holidaycelebration.org for more information about the program and the application process. Applications become available in May and are due in August.

For more details, call **(213) 202-5858** or visit www.holidaycelebration.org.

The Commission also sponsors *free* music concerts throughout the year in many locations around the County. For a schedule go to www.lacountyarts.org and click on "Free Concerts in Public Sites."



Visit the Los Angeles County Museum of Art!

LACMA

5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036

(323) 857-6000 / www.lacma.org

For those interested in a memorable day trip, come and explore more than 100,000 works of art at LACMA, the largest encyclopedic museum in the West. Through its far-reaching collections, the museum is both a resource to and a reflection of the many cultural communities and heritages in Southern California.

Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fridays: 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LACMA is closed on Wednesdays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Admission

Members	FREE	Students 18+	\$5.00
Adult	\$9.00	(with ID)	
Seniors (62+)	\$5.00	Children (under 17)	FREE

After 5:00 p.m. general admission to LACMA is **FREE!**

LACMA Offers a Variety of Public Programs for All Audiences!

- Arts for NexGen
- International Art of Cinema
- Concert Series including Sundays Live, Friday Night Jazz, Latin Sounds, and Art & Music
- Art Classes
- Art History Classes



For a schedule of events and more information on public programs at LACMA, visit www.lacma.org.



Spend a Day at Exposition Park!



California African American Museum

600 State Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037
(213) 744-7432

Hours

Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mondays Closed

Admission

FREE

Opened to the public during the Olympic Games in July 1984, The California African American Museum (CAAM) was designed by African American architects Jack Haywood and the late Vince Proby. With 3 full-size exhibition galleries, CAAM hosts permanent exhibits such as the *African American Journey West* and a variety of temporary exhibits designed to inform and inspire. In addition, CAAM hosts discussion groups and workshops for youngsters and adults. CAAM is also a great place for entertainment-offering films, musical and entertainment events, as well as an Africa American crafts market place on the first Sunday of each month during *Target Sundays @ CAAM*.

The CAAM is also available for rental for special events. For more information, please call the CAAM office at (323) 744-7432.



California Science Center

700 State Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037
(323) 724-3623 (SCI-ENCE)

Hours

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily
(except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day)

Admission

Admission is **FREE** to permanent exhibit galleries.

The California Science Center is the West Coast's largest hands-on science center, offering fun, interactive and informative permanent exhibits. In the galleries, you'll learn about human inventions and innovation, the life processes of living things and more. The California Science Center also features special exhibits, so visit often!



IMAX Theater

Turn your California Science Center visit into an all-day adventure. Visit the IMAX Theater! The seven story IMAX screen is the largest in Los Angeles and is designed to make viewers a part of the action.

Admission

Adults (198 to 61)	\$8.00
Children (3 to 11)	\$4.75
Youth (12 to 18)	\$5.75
Students 18+ (with id)	\$5.75
Senior (62+)	\$5.75

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Discover the Natural History Museum

900 Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213) 763-DINO / www.nhm.org



Visit one of the world's most extensive and valuable collections of natural and cultural history. The Natural History Museum is the largest natural and historical museum in the Western United States and an active research center. The hands-on Discovery Center allows children to handle a variety of specimens and explore a vast Insect Zoo.



Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum is closed New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Admission is **FREE** on the first Tuesday of every month.

Admission

Members	FREE
Adult	\$9.00
Seniors (62+)	\$6.50
Students 18+ (with ID)	\$6.50
Children (13-17 yrs)	\$6.50
Children (5-12 yrs)	\$2.00
Children (under 5)	FREE

Adventures In Nature

Grades Pre-K to 8

Children can explore a wide variety of museum topics, such as earth's features, creatures and cultures from around the globe. Prices vary; Museum members receive discount. Please call the Museum or visit the Website for scheduled classes.

Critter Club

Children ages 3-5 and accompanying adult

One Saturday each month at 10:00 a.m., the museum's Education Department hosts Critter Club, where kids can meet live animals, play games and create neat crafts while they learn.

Pavilion of Wings

All ages

Opening in April and running through early September is the Pavilion of Wings, a lush habitat where free-flying butterflies flutter around visitors.

Spider Pavilion

All ages

In the fall, after the butterflies leave the Pavilion of Wings, the spiders take up residence! Here, visitors enjoy a rare, close-up view of hundreds of orb weaving spiders spinning their webs.

THINGS TO DO

(Please call the Museum for more information)



First Fridays

Adult audiences

January 4, 2008 through June 6, 2008

(first Friday of each month)

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County keeps its doors open late for the monthly First Fridays series. Each evening begins with a curator-guided gallery tour. Following the tour, guests are able to participate in thought-provoking discussions in a mediated forum led by distinguished scientists, environmentalists, and authors. The night closes with live performances by popular musicians and deejays. Visit www.nhm.org/firstfridays for more information.



VISIT THE LIBRARY!

Two Local Libraries serve your community:

FLORENCE LIBRARY

1610 E. Florence Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 581-8028
www.colapublib.org

Operating Hours:

Sundays/Holidays	Closed
Mondays	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

GRAHAM LIBRARY

1900 E. Firestone Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 582-2903
www.colapublib.org

Operating Hours:

Sundays/Holidays	Closed
Mondays and Tuesdays	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following services are available at both libraries:

Access from your home computer: With a **FREE** County Public Library card, you can have access to a variety of helpful services from your own computer. Just apply at any one of the County's 84 public libraries and have free access to full-text magazines, newspapers and other resources!

Wireless access: "Free Wireless Internet Access" is available to library card holders with laptop computers. Simply bring your WiFi-capable laptop to the library to take advantage of wireless Internet access. *Remember, if you do not own a personal computer, the Library provides free Internet access via public computers!*



Both of your local libraries offer special services for children!

Book Talk: The Florence Library offers the Book Talk program for school-aged children and their parents every Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Family Place: The Florence Library has a Family Place center with toys and seating for adult care givers and very young children. Family place workshops are held several times a year. Please call the Library for dates and times.



Homework Center: Both libraries have computers, materials and trained staff available to help students with schoolwork.

Live Homework Help: This free online service connects students in grades 4-12 with live tutors in Math, Science, English and Social Studies. The service is available in English every day from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. and in Spanish from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. Use it in the library or at any location with an Internet connection. Go to **www.librarytutor.org**

Pre-School and Family Story times: The Florence Library offers story time every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. The Graham Library offers story time every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Program: Kids can keep up with their reading skills during the summer months – June through August – by joining summer reading activities at both libraries.

Need Help Paying for Food and Healthcare Costs?

Florence District Office #17

1740 East Gage Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001

General Information: **(323) 586-7263**

Participant Help Line: **(323) 586-7299**

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Department of Public Social Services offers the following programs:

- **CalWORKS** – temporary financial assistance and employment services for qualified families with minor children
- **Food Stamps** – provides assistance to pay for food for low income households
- **Medi-Cal** – pays for medical care for persons with low income

Food Stamp Outreach

Florence-Firestone Community Service Center
7807 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001

Mondays and Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) Food Stamp Outreach Program offers a unique opportunity for families in the community to learn about the Food Stamp program and find out if they are eligible for benefits without going to the DPSS office. Even if you've been denied in the past, you can be re-evaluated to determine your current Food Stamp eligibility. For more information, you may contact Corina Alvarez at **(323) 586-7171** or **(323) 586-7191**.

Homeless Services

General Information: **(213) 683-3333**

Emergency Shelter: **(800) 339-6993** or **2-1-1**

Winter Shelter Hotline **(800) 548-6047**

Are You a Victim of Domestic Violence?

What is Domestic Violence?

- Hitting, punching, shoving, biting, using weapons
- Forced sexual activity
- Putting down, name calling, playing "mind games"
- Controlling of all your finances
- Stalking

If you have experienced any of the above forms of abuse caused by an intimate partner, you may be the victim of domestic violence. Just let your CalWORKs Eligibility or GAIN Services Worker know that you need help!

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT CALWORKS ELIGIBLE, YOU CAN STILL GET HELP BY CALLING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE AT (800) 978-3600, 365 DAYS A YEAR, 24 HOURS A DAY.

The Domestic Violence Program can help you with:

- Emergency food, shelter and clothing
- Permanent housing
- Individual or group counseling
- Financial planning
- Emergency transportation
- Legal Services
- Health services
- Household establishment skills
- Education
- Independent living skills
- Parenting education

Domestic Violence Assistance for Non Citizens!

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) allows

certain non-citizens who are in abusive situations to petition, without the assistance of the abusive spouse or parent, for lawful permanent residency. If you are the child of a battered spouse, parent of a battered child, battered spouse of a US citizen or legal permanent resident, you may file a petition to adjust your immigration status and be able to obtain cash benefits and domestic violence services as a CalWORKs participant while your petition is being reviewed by Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS). If you are already a CalWORKs participant, ask your case worker for assistance. If not, contact the CalWORKs office at **(323) 586-7263** to apply for benefits.

Need Help with Alcohol and Drug Addiction?

Toll Free Help Line: **(800) 564-6600**

If you are seeking alcohol and other drug treatment and recovery services, please call **(800) 564-6600** to contact one of the Community Assessment Service Centers (CASC) located throughout Los Angeles County. You will automatically be connected to the assessment center nearest you. You may also visit www.lapublichealth.org/adpa for more information on the program.

New Health and Human Services Website!



www.LACountyHelps.org

The LACountyHelps.org Website provides a safe, secure, confidential way for County residents to research and see if they are potentially eligible for a variety of helpful services and benefits. Users will receive interactive contact information with links to local County offices which provide the services and driving directions to their offices.

Services included on the site are:

- Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids
- Child Health and Disability Prevention Program
- In-Home Supportive Services
- Child Care Resources and Referral Information
- Foster Family Recruitment
- Adoption Services

The Website is designed to be easily navigated and includes a video tutorial demonstrating basic computer skills and how to use the site. The site is available in both English and Spanish, with plans to expand to other languages in the near future.

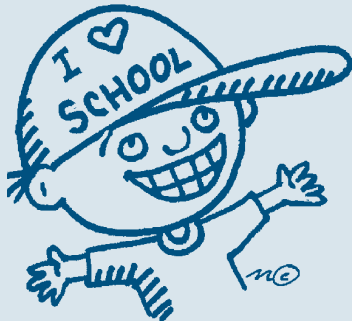
NEED HELP FINDING A PRE-SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD?

FIRST 5 LA - Los Angeles Universal Pre-School

Los Angeles Universal Preschool's (LAUP) goal is to make voluntary, high-quality preschool available to every 4-year-old in Los Angeles County, regardless of their family's income by 2014.

To find out more about LAUP or to find LAUP pre-schools in or near Florence-Firestone and

Walnut Park, please call **(866) 675-5400** or visit the Website at **www.laup.net**.



COUNTY LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO RATE CHILD CARE CENTERS

In July 2007, the County launched the Steps to Excellence Program (STEP), a new child care rating system designed to help parents make informed choices about quality child care for their children. STEP is the first program of its kind in California and is similar to the County's restaurant grading system.

As a part of the implementation plan for this program, STEP is now in the process of assessing more than 200 child care centers and more than 400 family child care homes in nine communities across the County, including Florence-Firestone.

If you are a child care provider and are interested in participating in STEP, please call the Office of Child Care at **(213) 974-4103** or visit **www.childcare.lacounty.gov**.

Share Your Heart and Home with a Waiting Child!



Foster Care

Foster care is intended to be a *temporary*, safe, stable and loving home for a child or children to help them reunite with their birth parents after the family problems have been resolved.

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) conducts monthly orientation meetings for prospective foster and adoptive parents (resource parents). These meetings will acquaint the resource parents with the foster care and the adoption process and help families learn more about the children currently placed with DCFS. Families adopting a relative or foster child in their care are not required to attend these meetings. To register for an orientation meeting, families should call **(888) 811-1121**.

Adoptions

If you are committed to providing a permanent loving home to a waiting child and are interested in adopting a child, please call **(888) 811-1121**. Information meetings are held regularly in your area. Adopting a child is the most rewarding thing you can do for a child and yourself!

Support Services for Adoptive Families

The DCFS Adoption Promotion Support Services Program (APSS) provides adoption support services such as adoption mentors, adoption support groups, individual,

group and family therapy, to all areas of Los Angeles County. You may be in the beginning stages of considering adoption of a child through DCFS, or your adoption may have been finalized many years ago. Supportive services are available before, during and after the adoption. You can obtain services if your child is under 18 years of age. A case manager is assigned who can link you to other services such as:

Education and special education services

Health care services

Childcare

Physical and developmental services

Regional center services

Income support services

Transportation

Substitute adult role model services

To obtain a referral for services, contact your DCFS Children's Social Worker. If your adoption has been finalized, contact the Post Adoption Services at **(800) 735-4984**. Services are provided **free** of charge.

The APSS Program in Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park is provided through the following community-based organizations:

Institute for Black Parenting

4340 Leimert Blvd, Suite 202

Los Angeles, CA 90008

(323) 389-8040

Shields for Families

12714 South Avalon Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90061

(323) 242-5000, Extension 307

One-Stop Access to County Services is Available!

Florence-Firestone Community Service Center

7807 South Compton Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90001

(323) 586-6502

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Florence-Firestone Community Service Center is your One-Stop for County services and resources. County department services available at the Center include the following:

- Birth, death, and marriage certificates
- Board of Supervisors Second District Field Office
- Building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits
- Community Union Technology Enhancement Program
- Consumer and referral services, credit counseling, and landlord-tenant mediation
- Food pantry/utility and rent payment assistance
- Information on parks, cultural and recreational events/usage permits for park events
- Volunteer services and community service referrals
- Old Timers Senior Citizens Nutrition Program
- Senior Metro Transit Identification Cards
- Senior Employment and Training Program
- Senior activities

Looking for Work? JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE!

Los Angeles Urban League WorkSource Business and Career Center

12700 Avalon Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90061

(323) 600-1106

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Orientation/Information Sessions:

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

Hub Cities Consortium WorkSource Center

2677 Zoe Avenue

Huntington Park, CA 90255

(323) 586-4700

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Resource Center Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WorkSource Centers provide a full range of employment-related services including:

Assessments

Career counseling

Career exploration

Fax, copying and computers

Interview techniques

Job search

Labor market information

Placement assistance

Recruitment for businesses

Resume preparation

Supportive services



Preventing Foreclosure

Your lender uses your home as security for your mortgage payments. This means that if you do not make the payments, they can take your home. The process they use to take your home is called *foreclosure*. If you are behind on your payments, it is important that you act quickly to prevent foreclosure.

Call your lender – Most lenders do not want you to lose your home. Tell them why you are behind on your payments. Ask them to work with you to get your payments current.

Don't ignore letters from your lender – Let them know you've received their letters and that you want to work with them.

How your lender can help – Your lender might accept a payment plan for the back payments or give you extra time to pay the loan.

If your lender won't help, you still have options:

- **Call another lender.** Ask if they will give you a new loan to pay off your existing mortgage.

- **Sell your home.** You might get enough money from the sale of your home to pay the loan off and even have money left over.
- **Talk to a lawyer.** Ask if filing for bankruptcy can help you keep your home. You can find a lawyer by calling the Los Angeles County Bar Association at **(213) 243-1525**.

Watch out for scams!

Avoid people who promise to stop the foreclosure by having you transfer title of your property. Transferring ownership does not stop the foreclosure. You will still be responsible for the money you owe even if you no longer own the home. Also, it will not keep the foreclosure from showing up on your credit report.

For more information, call **(800) 973-3370** or visit online at: **www.dca.lacounty.gov**

PAYDAY LENDERS:

Check Cashers That Loan You Money – For a Fee

People use payday lenders when they need more money than they have in their checking account. Payday lenders loan you money until you get your next paycheck. They charge you a fee for this service.

How does it work?

- You sign a contract with a payday lender that explains the terms.
- You write a check to the lender and they give you cash.
- Your check is held and cashed on the day you agreed to in your contract. Your check must be cashed within 31 days.

Payday lenders must put notices and contracts in the same language used in your discussions.

How much can they charge?

The check you give a payday lender cannot be for more than \$300. They cannot charge you more than 15% of the check you write them. For example, if you write a \$300 check, a payday lender cannot charge you more than \$45. For a \$300 check, you will only get \$255 in cash.

Can I receive more than one payday advance?

No. You can only have one at a time at a given location.

What happens if I can't repay the money?

If you don't have enough money in your account to cover your check, the payday lender has the right to ask for the amount of your bad check, plus a \$15 fee. The payday lender can sue you for these amounts plus court costs. Court costs can total \$100 or more.

Normally, when someone gives you a bad check, you can sue for three times the amount of the check. **Payday lenders cannot sue for triple damages. The law forbids it.** If you are being sued, you can ask the Department of Consumer Affairs to mediate with the payday lender instead of going to court. For help, call the **Dispute Settlement Service** at: **(213) 974-0825**.

Payday lenders cannot threaten you with criminal prosecution. Call **(800) 593-8222** for more information or to speak with a counselor.

Protect Your Credit Rating!

Most everything you do with credit, both good and bad, is reported to a credit reporting agency. A history of paying late, or not paying at all, is sent to credit reporting agencies. Bankruptcies, judgments and liens also find their way to your credit report and hurt your credit rating. A bad credit record gives you a low credit score and makes it difficult for you to get credit or loans for things you really need like a home or an automobile. To keep track of your credit standing, you should review your credit report at least once each year. You can correct errors and clean up any wrong information that might be on your report. To obtain a **FREE** copy of your credit report each year, call (877) 322-8228 or visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

How to Improve Your Credit Rating

- **Pay bills on time.** Late payments really hurt your credit standing. It is best to pay the entire balance each month. If you can't, be sure to at least pay the minimum payment on time.
- **Don't go over your credit limit.** Some credit cards allow you to go over your credit limit, but it will hurt your credit score. In addition, credit card companies usually charge you extra in penalties for doing so.
- **Cancel some of your credit cards.** Having lots of credit cards can hurt your credit score. When you apply for new credit, the company checks your credit report. One of the things they look for is how much your combined credit limits are and how much you owe. As you get closer to your credit limits, your credit score goes down. One bank card and a department store or gasoline credit card is all you really need.
- **Deal directly with creditors.** Some businesses (creditors) you owe money to may be willing to delete negative information they reported from your credit report if you pay some or all of what you owe. Creditors must report payments you make, but they are not required to take negative information off your report. You will have to speak with each creditor individually to see what they are willing to do.

If a creditor agrees to take information off your report in exchange for full or part payment, get their promise in writing before you pay. If you pay the balance, even without an agreement, they must update your credit report to reflect a paid-in-full status. If you discharged debts in bankruptcy, those items can still be included in your credit report.

Avoid Credit Repair Scams

Credit repair companies may promise to improve your credit, get you a loan, or a credit card. Credit repair companies have no special powers to improve your credit. There is nothing they can do for you that you cannot do yourself. Paying them leaves you less money to pay your current bills and past debts.

Because of the problems with credit repair companies, strict laws were passed to regulate their activities. For example, they must provide a written contract that you can cancel within five days. They can't require payment in advance and all promised services must be completed in 90 days. They must also register with the Department of Justice and file a \$100,000 bond with the Secretary of State. Be aware that very few credit repair companies follow the law.

For more information, visit <http://dca.lacounty.gov>, or speak with a counselor at (800) 593-8222.





Office of the District Attorney

210 West Temple Street, Suite 18000
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 974-3512
<http://da.lacounty.gov>

Bad Check Restitution Program

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office established the Bad Check Restitution Program to allow first-time bad check writers to pay full restitution to their victims and attend a diversion class in lieu of

criminal prosecution. Eligible bad check writers are required to attend an 8-hour diversion class which is designed to teach them the necessary financial skills to avoid future bad-check writing. In addition, victims are able to recover lost funds, including any bank charges, at absolutely no cost to them or to taxpayers. More than \$21 million in restitution has been returned to victims through the program over the past several years.

For more information about this program, complaint forms and instructions, please visit <http://da.lacounty.gov/badcheck.htm> or call the victim hotline at (800) 842-0733.

Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics and Free Microchips Offered Through the DOWNEY ANIMAL SHELTER

DOWNEY ANIMAL SHELTER

11258 S. Garfield Avenue
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 940-6898
<http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>



Vaccinations

A low-cost pet vaccination clinic is offered once a year at a local park. Check the Department of Animal Care and Control's Website or call the Downey Shelter for the vaccination clinic schedule in 2008.

New! Animal Cruelty Case Coordinator

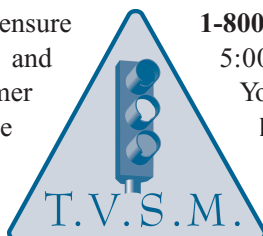
Deputy District Attorney Deborah Knaan is the new Animal Cruelty Case Coordinator who will create guidelines for prosecuting animal cruelty cases and raise public awareness of animal abuse.



If you would like to report an incident related to animal cruelty, please contact the Sheriff's Century Station at (323) 568-4800.

Traffic Violator Schools

The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles' Traffic Violator School Monitoring Program (TVSM) works on behalf of the Los Angeles Superior Court to monitor all DMV-licensed traffic violator schools and approved home study traffic schools to ensure that each school meets all applicable codes and regulations. TVSM also serves as a consumer advocate and point of contact for those interested in taking a classroom or home study traffic school course.



If you have questions or concerns regarding a classroom or home study traffic school program that you have taken, or if you would like information on approved traffic school programs, please contact TVSM at **1-800-555-4452** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or via email at tvsm@lacdc.org. You may also visit TVSM on the Internet at <http://www.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/TVSM/Home.aspx>.

DISPOSE OF FATS, OIL, AND GREASE PROPERLY!

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works wants you to know that there are simple steps you can take when disposing of **Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)** to keep sewer pipes from clogging:

DO NOT . . .

- dump cooking oil, poultry fat and grease into the kitchen sink or toilet bowl.
- use hot water and soap to wash grease down the drain, because it will cool and harden in your pipes or in the sewer down the line.



DO . . .

- place cooled cooking oil, poultry and meat fats in sealed non-recyclable containers and discard with your regular garbage.
- use paper towels to wipe residual grease or oil from dishes, pots and pans before washing them.
- install grease traps or interceptors as required by your local regulatory agency and make sure they are always in good working order, if you own a large apartment building or operate a food establishment.

The build up of FOG in sewer pipelines can hamper the free flow of wastewater in the sewer system. Such build-up over time will block the sewer pipes and cause sewer back-ups into your home and business, or overflow discharges onto streets and private properties. This creates a health hazard as well as a costly mess for you as a home and business owner. Frequent cleaning of the public sewer lines increases costs to you as a ratepayer.

GET UNWANTED BULKY ITEMS PICKED UP FOR FREE! DONT DUMP IN ALLEYWAYS!

Bulky items, such as furniture, mattresses, tires, appliances, televisions, and other large items, are picked up **FREE OF CHARGE**, by calling Allied Waste Services at **(888) 742-5234**. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at **(800) 404-4487**, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

ILLEGAL DUMPING IMPACTS EVERYONE!

In addition to being an eyesore, it is **ILLEGAL** to dump debris such as tires, bulky items and lawn clippings onto alleyways, lots, sidewalks, and streets. If you see illegal dumping occurring, please report it to the Century Sheriff's Station at **(323) 568-4800**. To report debris left on the County rights-of-way, please contact the Department of Public Works, Road Maintenance Division at **(323) 582-7848**.



To report illegal dumping into the County's storm drain system, call **(888) CLEAN-LA** 24 hours per day.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY VALUE!



In Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park, the County uses Nuisance Abatement Teams (NAT) to focus on properties with multiple code violations that require the response of several County departments. A NAT will visit locations to investigate code violations and public nuisance complaints at commercial and residential properties and conduct follow-up inspections to assure compliance. To report problem properties with serious or multiple code violations in Florence-Firestone or Walnut Park, you can call, write, or fax your complaint to:

Address: Firestone Building and Safety District Office
7807 South Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001
Phone: **(323) 586-6541**
Fax: **(323) 586-6526**
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If your complaint does not warrant a visit by the NAT, it will be referred to the appropriate agency.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

To report neighborhood graffiti or request graffiti removal service, call **(800) 675-HELP (675-4357)**. Your call is kept confidential. A graffiti removal request may also be submitted online with the option to upload photos and check the removal status. You may also report graffiti by visiting <http://ladpw.org/go/graffiti>.

E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES

eNotify is an automated email system that sends out alerts, events, and newsletters to subscribers. Examples include:

Calendar of Events

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup Events

Road Closure Alerts

Press Releases

You can register for eNotify via the Department of Public Works Website at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov>.

JOIN THE COUNTY IN REDUCING PLASTIC BAG LITTER!

Did you know that Los Angeles County residents consume approximately six billion plastic bags each year? Yes, six billion. The County of Los Angeles is committed to reducing the amount of plastic bags that end up along roadways or in storm drains, or make their way to the ocean. While convenient, littered plastic bags are an eyesore and may harm land and marine wildlife.

Here are a few simple things that you can do to help:

- Use canvas (or other reusable) bags when shopping instead of plastic bags
- Give your clean plastic bags back to your grocer or merchant for recycling
- Reuse plastic bags that you already have when you make that next shopping trip
- Insist on recycled-content paper bags at the market

Making these simple changes will help reduce the amount of bags disposed and seen as litter in our neighborhoods. Encourage your friends and family members to do the same! For more information on this and other efforts call **(888) CLEAN LA** or log onto www.888CleanLA.com.

Protect Your Property Value and Quality of Life!



Your property value and quality of life are affected by property owners who do not maintain their properties. Storage of junk, salvage and inoperable vehicles is a violation of the County Code. If you observe or suspect any violations in your neighborhood, please call **2-1-1** or **(213) 974-6453**. You may also submit your complaint through e-mail (zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov) or via fax at **(213) 217-5108**. Health and safety hazards will be investigated immediately.

Florence-Firestone Field Office

7807 South Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001
Phone: **(323) 586-6541** or **(213) 974-6411** (headquarters)

Monday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

land use development standards in a neighborhood. The Florence-Firestone CSD utilizes landscaping, building façades, setback and height restrictions to improve the appearance of the community, promote property maintenance, and to improve compatibility between residential uses and neighboring industrial uses. Visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/csd.htm> to review the Florence-Firestone CSD.

Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan

The Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan and the Walnut Park Community Standards District, was created to preserve single family residential neighborhoods and strengthen the character, performance and appearance of the commercial area. Visit http://planning.lacounty.gov/doc/plan/drpd_walnut_park_plan.pdf to review the plan and <http://planning.lacounty.gov/csd.htm> for the Walnut Park CSD.

Improving the Appearance of the Community

A Community Standards District (CSD) is a set of special

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Are You Planning Home or Business Improvements?

Call the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) to obtain the most current land use and zoning information on your property. If you have internet access, you can go to the DRP online GIS database at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/intGisMaps.htm>. This database is user-friendly and allows you to search

by your address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN). You may also send your request via e-mail to zoningldcc@planning.lacounty.gov or fax it to (213) 626-0434.

To speak to a planner in person, you may visit the Florence-Firestone Field Office located at 7807 S. Compton Avenue. You may also visit Regional Planning headquarters at 320 West Temple Street, Room 1360, or call (213) 974-6411, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

The following is a listing of healthcare facilities that serve Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park:

HOSPITAL

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

1000 West Carson Street
Torrance, CA 90502
(310) 222-2345

General Clinic Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (unless otherwise indicated).

Services: Emergency Services are available. Inpatient/Outpatient services, Internal Medicine, General Medicine, Specialty Care

MULTI-SERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

Important Notice to Residents Served by Martin Luther King Jr. – Multi Service Ambulatory Care Center!

The Emergency Department at Martin Luther King Jr. – Multi Service Ambulatory Care Center is closed. If you live within 12 miles of the hospital and need emergency care, you may visit an alternate hospital (a partial list of hospitals is listed) or call 911.

Urgent Care (non life threatening) medical services remain open at the hospital from 8:00 a.m. to midnight, 7 days a week. A range of outpatient clinics also remain open. Call the County's toll free information line, 211, for more information.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center 1201 Wilmington Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90059 (310) 668-4321 (main number)

Appointment Desk	(310) 668-5011
Patient Information/ Information Center	(310) 668-3711
Financial Services	(310) 668-3817
Pathology/Laboratory	(310) 668-4443
Pharmacy	(310) 668-3972
Prescription Refill Line (Automated)	(310) 668-3971
Obstetrics & Gynecology	(310) 668-4231
Physical Therapy	(310) 668-4875
Radiology	(310) 668-4711
Orthopedics	(310) 668-4286
Surgery	(310) 668-5269

Some Alternate Emergency Medical Centers near you:**St. Francis Medical Center**

3628 E. Imperial Hwy., Suite 400
Lynwood, CA 90262
(310) 900-8900

Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center

555 E. Hardy Street
Inglewood, CA 90301
(310) 673-4660

Memorial Hospital of Gardena

1145 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.
Gardena, CA 90247
(310) 532-4200

California Hospital Medical Center

1401 S. Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90015
(213) 748-2411

Visit the Department of Health Services Website at <http://ladhs.org/mlk/> for additional information on alternate emergency departments.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

For emergency services, please call 9-1-1!

Century Station

11703 Alameda Street • Lynwood CA 90262
(323) 568-4800

Firestone Activity Center

7901 Compton Avenue • Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 586-7250

Meet Your Service Area Lieutenant!

The Service Area Lieutenant for Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park is Lt. John C. Babbitt. Lt. Babbitt has over 24 years of experience with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and has worked the last 10 years in Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park as a deputy and lieutenant. Through his commitment to improving the quality of life for residents in Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park and his ongoing participation in the Florence-Firestone Community Enhancement Team (FFCET), Lt. Babbitt has been and continues to be a strong leader and advocate for public safety, helping to implement the collaborative initiatives that have led to a reduction in violent crimes in the community.

In his spare time, Lieutenant Babbitt volunteers with his son's Boys Scout Troop, is a "Dolphin Dad" at his daughter's school and is also Band Booster for his son's high school marching band.

In addition to law enforcement, the following services are also provided by the Century Station:

Christmas Food Program
Civilian Volunteer Program
Clergy Council
Community Academies
Community Advisory Committee
Fingerprinting Services
Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives (VIDA)
Youth Activities League

Sheriff's Explorers: Youth between the ages of 14 and 21 can participate in the Explorer Program assisting deputies by performing non-hazardous duties such as report writing, fingerprinting, and crowd/traffic assistance at parades, conferences and civic events. Explorers also participate in various competitions, field trips and functions within the Department. For more information, please call (323) 586-7250.

Sheriff's Leadership Academy: In partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Sheriff's Leadership Academy provides an alternative educational experience for junior high and high school aged youth which emphasizes building moral courage, integrity and academic skills necessary to become contributing, compassionate, law-abiding members of the community. For information on how to apply for this program, please call (323) 357-5260.



Need Assistance With a Law Enforcement Complaint?

Department of the Ombudsman

510 South Vermont Ave., Suite 215

Los Angeles, CA 90020

General Information: **(213) 738-2003**

Complaints Only: **(800) 801-0030**

<http://ombudsman.lacounty.info/>

The Department of the Ombudsman assists individuals who have filed complaints involving the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department or the Los Angeles County Police (LACOPS) personnel, and

are dissatisfied with the results of the investigation. Appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, the Ombudsman acts independently from both the Sheriff's Department and LACOPS. When an individual believes an investigation was incomplete or relevant facts were not considered, the person may contact the Ombudsman by telephone or in writing within 10 business days after receiving notification from the Sheriff's Department or LACOPS. If you do not notify the investigating agency or the Office of the Ombudsman within 10 days, the investigation outcome will be final.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



For emergencies, call 9-1-1!

The Los Angeles County Fire Department provides fire protection and paramedic service for Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park. In addition, all Los Angeles County Fire Stations are designated "Safe Houses", where any person can turn for temporary refuge should they feel endangered. Assistant Fire Chief James W. Powers serves as your local "Fire Chief" and has served 30 years in the Fire Department. If you are interested in participating in a station tour, you may contact the fire station closest to you.

Fire Station 16

8010 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 585-5002

Fire Station 164

6301 S. Santa Fe Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255
(323) 589-1350

Fire Station 165

3255 Saturn Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255
(323) 589-1311

SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM

If you know of someone who may be at-risk of abandoning a baby, the SSP allows new mothers to safely surrender an unwanted newborn at any Los Angeles County fire station or hospital emergency room with no questions asked. Call the Safe Surrender Hotline for information, counseling and referrals at **(877) BABYSAFE (222-9723)**.



FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS

Local firefighters are available to provide safety education for residents including Children's Fire Safety Programs, Senior Citizen Fire Safety Programs, Home Safety Checks, and Earthquake Preparedness and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) training. Visit www.fire.lacounty.gov for more information, or contact Vivian Vivero at **(323) 586-7039**.

Become a Fire Department Explorer!

The Fire Department Explorer Program is designed for young adults from ages 15 to 21 who are interested in a career with the Fire Service. For more information, contact the Post 13 Explorer Advisor at:

Fire Station 54 / (323) 567-8580

4867 Southern Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280



County of Los Angeles STRATEGIC PLAN

COUNTY VISION

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our shared values:

- **A can-do attitude** – we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** – we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** – we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** – we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** – we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** – we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** – we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** – we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- A capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- An aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

COUNTY MISSION

To enrich lives through effective and caring service.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Service Excellence | 5. Children and Families' Well-Being |
| 2. Workforce Excellence | 6. Community Services |
| 3. Organizational Effectiveness | 7. Health and Mental Health |
| 4. Fiscal Responsibility | 8. Public Safety |

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Fourth District

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Florence Firestone and Walnut Park

AT-A-GLANCE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY / DIRECTORIO DE SERVICIOS

County of Los Angeles Website / Sitio Web del condado de Los Angeles: www.lacounty.gov

2-1-1 (24 Hour Information and Referral Service) <i>(Información y servicio de remisiones las 24 horas)</i>	2-1-1	Plant Disease Information <i>Información sobre enfermedades de plantas</i>	(562) 940-7236
Air Quality Concerns <i>Inquietudes por la calidad del aire</i>	(800) 288-7664	Bee Complaints <i>Quejas por abejas</i>	(800) 925-3800
Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures / Comisionado de agricultura/Pesos y medidas: http://acwm.co.la.ca.us	(626) 575-5472	Substandard Produce/Egg Complaints <i>Quejas por frutas y verduras / huevos por debajo del estándar</i>	(562) 940-7803
Pesticide Misuse or Illness Investigations <i>Uso indebido de pesticidas o investigaciones de enfermedades</i>	(626) 575-5466	Fruit or Plant Transportation Into or Out Of Los Angeles County <i>Transporte de frutas o plantas hacia o desde el condado de Los Angeles</i>	(562) 940-7803
Weed and Brush Abatement <i>Disminución de malezas y brozas</i>	(626) 575-5484	Animal Care and Control/ <i>Cuidado y control de animales:</i> http://animalcare.lacounty.gov	(562) 940-6898
Rubbish Removal <i>Recolección de residuos</i>	(626) 575-5484	Assessor/Asesor: http://assessor.lacounty.gov	
Utility Meter (gas, water, electric) Inspections /Complaints <i>Inspecciones / quejas de medidores de servicios públicos (gas, agua, electricidad)</i>	(800) 665-2900	Property Tax Information <i>Información de Impuestos de Propiedad</i>	(213) 974-3211
Scale Inspections/Consumer Complaints (markets, delis, etc.) <i>Inspecciones de básculas / Quejas de consumidores (mercados, tiendas de alimentos, etc.)</i>	(800) 665-2900	Board of Supervisors/Consejo de supervisores: http://bos.co.la.ca.us	
Packaged Goods Inspection (short weight, count, measure, etc.) <i>Inspección de mercaderías envasadas (menor peso, cantidad, medida, etc.)</i>	(800) 665-2900	General Information <i>Información general</i>	(213) 974-1411
Gasoline Station Consumer Complaints <i>Quejas de consumidores de estaciones de gasolina</i>	(800) 665-2900	First District Field Office <i>Oficina Local del Primer Distrito</i>	(323) 881-4601
Scanner Overcharge Complaints/ Investigations <i>Quejas / investigaciones de sobrecargas de escáner</i>	(800) 665-2900	Second District Field Office <i>Oficina Local del Segundo Distrito</i>	(323) 586-6523
Recycling Scale Complaints/ Investigations (aluminum cans, etc.) <i>Quejas / investigaciones de básculas de reciclaje (latas de aluminio, etc.)</i>	(800) 665-2900	Children Services/Servicios para niños	
Pest Control Information/Services <i>Información / servicios de control de plagas</i>	(626) 575-5462	Child Care Hotline/CalWorks <i>Línea directa de atención infantil / CalWorks</i>	(877) CHILD-99
Weed Control Information/Services <i>Información / servicios de control de malezas</i>	(626) 575-5462	Adoptions/Foster Care: http://lacdcfs.org <i>Adopción/guarda: http://lacdcfs.org</i>	(888) 811-1121
Coyote Threats <i>Amenazas de coyotes</i>	(626) 575-5462	The Children's Collective, Inc. Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation Head Start/Pre-School <i>The Children's Collective, Inc. Fundación "Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation" Programas Head Start / Pre-Escolar</i>	(323) 583-1588 (323) 584-1250
Pest or Insect Identification <i>Identificación de pestes o insectos</i>	(562) 940-7234	Child Abuse Hotline <i>Línea directa para abuso de menores</i>	(800) 540-4000
		Child Support Services: http://cssd.lacounty.gov <i>Servicio de sostenimiento para hijos: http://cssd.lacounty.gov</i>	(323) 890-9800
		Los Angeles Universal Pre-School	(866) 675-5400
		Comisión de Desarrollo Comunitario: www.lacdc.org	
		Home Improvement Grants and Loans <i>Concesiones Caseras y Prestamo De La Mejora</i>	(323) 890-7239

Home Ownership Program (323) 890-7034
Programa De La Propiedad Casera

Community and Senior Services/
Servicios comunitarios y para ancianos:
<http://www.ladcss.org>

Adult Protective Services (213) 351-5401
Servicios de protección para adultos

Area Agency on Aging (213) 738-4004
Agencia del área para la tercera edad

Elder Abuse Hotline (877) 477-3646
(Línea directa contra el abuso de ancianos)

Florence-Firestone Service Center (323) 586-6502

Consumer Concerns/Inquietudes de los consumidores

Consumer Affairs/Asuntos del consumidor: (800) 593-8222
<http://dca.lacounty.gov>

Florence-Firestone Satellite Office (323) 586-6508
Oficina satélite de Florence-Firestone

Scanner Overcharge (562) 940-8911
Sobrecarga de escáner

Complaints-Utility Meters and Scales (562) 940-8911
Quejas por medidores de servicios públicos y básculas

Crisis Intervention/Intervención en caso de crisis

2-1-1 (24 Hour Information and Referral Service) 2-1-1
(Información y servicio de remisiones las 24 horas)

Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 978-3600
Línea directa de violencia doméstica

Environmental Health/Salud ambiental:
www.lapublichealth.org/eh

24 Hour Hotline (888) 700-9995
Línea directa las 24 horas

Food Vending on Street (626) 430-5500
Venta de comida en la calle

Recreational Program Inspections (626) 430-5360
(pools, spas)
Inspecciones de los programa recreativos (piscinas, spas)

Insect/Vector (rats, mice) Control (626) 430-5450
Control de insectos / vectores (ratas, ratones)

Retail Food Inspections (Restaurants) (626) 430-5200
Inspección de venta de comida al por menor (restaurantes)

Housing Complaints (213) 351-5085
Quejas sobre la vivienda

Employment/Empleo

County of Los Angeles 24-Hour Job Hotline (800) 970-5478
Job Hotline
Línea directa del empleo del condado de Los Angeles las 24 horas

Hub Cities Consortium (323) 586-4700
WorkSource Center

Los Angeles Urban League WorkSource (323) 600-1106
Business and Career Center
Los Angeles Urban League WorkSource Centro de carreras y de negocios

Garbage/Waste Collection /
Recolección de basura/residuos

Allied Waste Services (888) 742-5234
Servicios Allied Waste

Hazardous Waste/Spills (800) 303-0003
Derrames / residuos peligrosos

Hazardous Waste/Recycling (888) CLEANLA
Reciclaje / residuos peligrosos

Graffiti Abatement/Eliminación de graffitis

Graffiti Removal Request (800) 675-4357
Solicitud de eliminación de graffitis

Caltrans – Freeway Walls and Signs (213) 897-3656
Caltrans – Letreros y paredes en las autopistas

Health Centers/Centros de salud: <http://www.ladhs.org>

Plan De La Salud De La Comunidad (800) 475-5550

Hubert Humphrey (323) 846-4312
Comprehensive Health Center

H. Claude Hudson (213) 744-3945
Comprehensive Health Center

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (310) 222-2345

King/Harbor Multi-Service Ambulatory (310) 668-4321
Care Center

Ruth Temple Health Center (323) 730-3576

South Public Health Center (323) 563-4053

Homeless Services/Servicios para personas sin hogar

General Information (213) 683-3333
Información general

Emergency Shelter (800) 339-6993
Refugio de emergencia

Libraries/Bibliotecas: <http://www.colapublib.org>

Florence Library (323) 581-8028

Graham Library (323) 582-2903

Parks/Parques: <http://parks.lacounty.gov>

Bethune Park (323) 846-1895

Roosevelt Park (323) 586-7228

Roosevelt Park Pool (323) 586-7203
Piscina del Roosevelt Park

Washington Park	(323) 586-7205
Watkins Memorial Park	(323) 357-3032
Watkins Pool <i>Piscina Watkins</i>	(323) 357-3034
Walnut Nature Park	(323) 586-7260

Public Safety/Seguridad pública

Emergencies <i>Emergencias</i>	9-1-1
Fire Department-public information: http://fire.lacounty.gov <i>Información pública sobre el Departamento de bomberos:</i> http://fire.lacounty.gov	(323) 881-2411
Fire Station 164 (Walnut Park) <i>Estación de bomberos 164 (Walnut Park)</i>	(323) 589-1350
Fire Station 165 (Walnut Park) <i>Estación de bomberos 165 (Walnut Park)</i>	(323) 589-1311
Fire Station 16 (Florence-Firestone) <i>Estación de bomberos 16 (Florence-Firestone)</i>	(323) 585-5002
County Police Dispatch (parks): http://ops.co.la.ca.us <i>Despacho de la Policía del condado (parques):</i> http://ops.co.la.ca.us	(800) 834-0064
Sheriff's Century Station (24 Hours): http://lasd.org <i>Estación del Sheriff Century (24 horas):</i> http://lasd.org	(323) 568-4800

California High Patrol (CHP) / Patrulla del camino de California (CHP)

CHP Non-Emergency (24 Hours) <i>CHP para casos de no emergencia (24 horas)</i>	(323) 906-3434
CHP Torrance Office (Monday-Friday) 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>Oficina de Torrance de la CHP</i> <i>(de lunes a viernes) de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.</i>	(310) 516-3355
Traffic Accidents <i>Accidentes de tránsito</i>	9-1-1

Public Social Services/Servicios sociales públicos: <http://www.ladpss.org>

Florence District 17 Office <i>Oficina del distrito 17 de Florence</i>	(323) 586-7257
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Public Works/Obras públicas: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

Abandoned Shopping Carts <i>Carros de compras abandonados</i>	(800) 252-4613
Building and Safety <i>Construcción y seguridad</i>	(323) 586-6541
Road Maintenance <i>Mantenimiento de caminos</i>	(562) 869-1176

Sewer Maintenance <i>Mantenimiento de alcantarillas</i>	(800) 675-4357
Sidewalks, Curbs, and Gutters <i>Aceras y alcantarillas</i>	(323) 582-7848
Street Light Maintenance (Edison) <i>Mantenimiento de iluminación de las calles (Edison)</i>	(800) 611-1911
Street Light Requests <i>Solicitudes de iluminación de las calles</i>	(626) 300-4726
Tree Maintenance <i>Mantenimiento de árboles</i>	(562) 869-1176
Traffic Signal Maintenance – 24 hr. hotline <i>Línea directa las 24 horas de mantenimiento de señales de tránsito</i>	(800) 675-4357
Traffic Safety (investigations) <i>Seguridad de tránsito (investigaciones)</i>	(626) 300-4708
Railroad Right-of-ways <i>Derechos de paso de ferrocarriles</i>	(626) 458-3935
Emergencies for all Public Works <i>Emergencias para todas las Obras públicas</i>	(800) 675-4357

Regional Planning/Planificación regional: <http://planning.lacounty.gov>

General Information <i>Información general</i>	(213) 974-6411
Code Enforcement <i>Aplicación de los códigos</i>	(213) 974-6453 or dial 2-1-1 o marque 2-1-1

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk / Registro/Secretario del condado: <http://lavote.net>

Real Estate Recording <i>Registro de propiedades</i>	(562) 462-2125
Registrar of Voters <i>Registro de votantes</i>	(562) 466-1310

Treasurer-Tax Collector / Tesorería y recaudación de impuestos: <http://ttc.lacounty.gov>

Payment Assistance for Seniors or the Disabled <i>Asistencia de pagos para ancianos o discapacitados</i>	(213) 974-7222
Payment Assistance for Military Personnel <i>Asistencia de pagos para personal militar</i>	(888) 807-2111
Business Licenses <i>Licencias comerciales</i>	(213) 974-2011
Voluntary Third Party Notification <i>Notificación a terceros voluntarios</i>	(888) 807-2111

Utilities/Servicios públicos

Southern California Edison	(800) 655-4555
Emergency Line	(800) 611-1911
<i>Línea de emergencias</i>	
Southern California Gas Company	
Residential Customers	(800) 427-2200
<i>Cientes residenciales</i>	
Commercial Customers	(800) 427-2000
<i>Cientes comerciales</i>	
Self-Service Option	(800) 772-5050
<i>Opción de autoservicio</i>	
Time Warner Cable	(888) 892-2253
Golden State Water	(909) 624-4618
(Florence-Firestone residents)	
<i>(Residentes de Florence-Firestone)</i>	
Walnut Park Mutual Water Company	(323) 585-7321

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS OTROS NÚMEROS ÚTILES

Chambers of Commerce / Cámaras de comercio

Florence Firestone Chamber of Commerce	(323) 589-4222
Walnut Park Merchants Association	(323) 583-1341

Schools / Escuelas

Los Angeles Unified School District 7	(323) 242-1300
<i>Distrito escolar unificado 7 de Los Angeles</i>	

Drew Middle School	(323) 583-6961
Edison Middle School	(323) 587-5108
Graham Elementary School	(323) 583-1263
McKinley Elementary School	(323) 582-7841
Miramonte Elementary School	(323) 583-1257
Parmelee Elementary School	(323) 587-4235
Russell Elementary School	(323) 582-7247

Los Angeles Unified School District 6	(323) 278-3900
<i>Distrito escolar unificado 6 de Los Angeles</i>	
Florence Avenue Elementary School	(323) 582-0758
Liberty Elementary School	(323) 583-4196
Lillian Elementary School	(323) 582-0705
South Gate High School	(323) 567-2333
Walnut Park Elementary School	(323) 588-3145

Transportation / Transporte

Commuter Action Network	(800) 266-6883
Dial-A-Ride (Disabled and Age 60+)	(323) 563-5653
<i>(Transporte compartido puerta a puerta)</i>	
Access Services	(800) 827-0829
<i>Servicios access</i>	
Metro Bus and Rail Info.	(800) 266-6883
<i>Información sobre subterráneo, autobús y ferrocarril</i>	

You can dial **2-1-1** to access information for emergency food and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, report code enforcement problems, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other services. As a resident of the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone or Walnut Park, you can just simply dial 2-1-1 to access an array of municipal services, at no cost to you. The 2-1-1 information service is provided in many languages.

2-1-1 is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is confidential. **NOTE: In case of an emergency, you still must dial 9-1-1.** If you are unable to access 2-1-1 directly, please call **(800) 339-6993** or visit the 211 LA County website at **www.211LA.org**.



Usted puede marcar 2-1-1 para acceder a la información para refugios de comida y de emergencia, servicios para ancianos, atención infantil, recursos de empleo, informes de problemas de cumplimiento de los códigos, atención médica a bajo costo, apoyo relacionado con las drogas y el alcohol, oportunidades para los voluntarios, y muchos otros servicios. Como residente del área no incorporada de Florence-Firestone o Walnut Park, usted simplemente puede marcar 2-1-1 para acceder a una variedad de servicios municipales, sin costo para usted. El servicio de información 2-1-1 se brinda en muchos idiomas.

*El 2-1-1 funciona las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana. La información que usted brinda a sus asesores de recursos es confidencial. **NOTA: En caso de emergencia, usted aún deberá marcar 9-1-1.** Si no puede acceder al 2-1-1 en forma directa, por favor, llame al **(800) 339-6993** o visite el sitio Web del 211 del condado de LA en **www.211LA.org**.*

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